PEACE!

The Treaty Between France and Germany Said to Have Been Signed and Sent to the Other Powers.

Prolongation of the Armistice Until Midnight of the 26th.

General Trochu Resigns at the Request of M. Thiers.

The German Army to Enter Paris on Sunday Next.

Rumors of Peace.

VERSAILLES, February 23 via LONDON, February 26—5:30 A. M.—The Emperor received M. Thiers to-day. Gen. Chanzy was present at the interview. Peace is considered concluded, though it has not yet been signed. The Germans will probably enter Paris on Sunday next, but without triumphal ceremony, and they will not remain long in the city.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—Nothing is known of the Prussian terms for peace. The Figaro says the terms are constitutory.

The Moniteur, of Versailles, says the war indemnity demanded by Germany is two million thalers.

The Germans demand the immediate payment of two millions of francs by the Department of Oise, and accord a delay in the payment of the remaining eight millions of the contribution.

Communication on all the railways leading to Paris is re-established.

Gen. Trochu has resigned at the request of M. Thiers.

The disturbance at Nice has been suppressed.

The Gaulois says Lord Lyons, the British Ambassador, and Chevalier Nigra, the Italian Minister, will soon go to Paris to afford M. Thiers the moral support of their governments in the peace negotiations.

VERSAILLES, Feb. 23.—The Moniteur, official of Versailles, justifies Germany's demand for the indemnity of 3,000,000 of thalers; recalls the example of America, and adds, France will soon recover from her present condition, provided she abandons useless wars.

The Monitor, of Bordeaux, announces that the armistice is prolonged until the 26th, midnight. It denies the reports respecting the Prussian demands, and says that Bismarck and Thiers maintain absolute silence.

PARIS, February 24.—The Patrie says Bismarck has communicated the condition of peace to the Cabinet at Vienna, London and St. Petersburg. Paris tranquil.

LONDON, February 23.—A dispatch from Arras of the 22d says: The moats have been filled with water for defence.

A dispatch from Deppe of the 23d says that eight German corps, belonging to Manteuffi's army, and composed of Mecklenburgers have arrived there, and if peace is signed will embark for Hamburg.

Sufferings of the French Prisoners in Germany.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—A letter from Neisse, in Prussian Silesia, states that the French prisoners have been compelled, during the cold weather, to sleep in the country under small canvas tents, and it appears that the sufferings caused thereby have been intense. It appears from the writer's statement that over 4,000 of the unfortunate men were recently frozen to death in a single night.

Matters at Bordeaux.

BORDEAUX, Feb. 23.—Minister Picard has arrived here. Henri Rochefort has gone to Paris.

No dispatches in regard to the negotiations for peace have yet been received from the President.

Two Bourbon and Orleans Princes.

Thiers, the Prince de Joinville and the Duke D'Aumale have written M. Grevy stating that they differentially await the decision of the Assembly on the legality of their elections before presenting themselves to take their seats in the Chamber.

The Proposed Entry.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Information has been received from Versailles that it is determined that a portion of the German army shall march through Paris on their return home. Thiers continues vigorously to oppose this, fearing the Germans of the responsibility they will incur. A placard suppressed Monday in the students' quarters appealing to the inhabitants to make the last struggle should the Prussians enter the city.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Nothing is positively known as to the conditions of peace. A financial journal says it is materially impos. sible for France to pay an indemnity of eight million francs, or one half of that amount.

Thiers and Favre are at Versailles to-day.

Emperor William's Return.

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—The Prussian Cross Gazette says that Emperor William will return to Berlin as soon as the preliminaries of peace are settled, and Bismarck, Moltke, and Roon will follow at a later day.

Matters at Paris.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—M. Leon, it is said, will probably be appointed Prefect of the Seine.

Wine or tobacco in fraudulent abuses, sales of coal are only allowed after inspection.

Provisions have fallen to ordinary prices.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Startling Disaffection in Ireland.

[World Special.]

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Parliament was startled to-night by the declaration of Lord Hartington that the disaffection of Ireland existed to such an alarming extent that it would be necessary to appoint several commissioners to ascertain the causes. The Tories are exultant at this evidence of the failures in the Irish policy of the Government.

Settlement of Affairs.

England is negotiating for the purchase of a Dutch settlement on the gold coast of Africa for twenty-three thousand pounds sterling.

Liberation of Irish Fenian Prisoners.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—In the house of Commons to-night Gladstone moved the appointment of a select committee of inquiry on the Indian finances. The motion gave rise to animated debate, Gladstone urged an inquiry by both Houses. The motion was agreed to.

The University tests bill was passed.

The bill levelled against Catholics assuming ecclesiastical titles passed to its second reading by a majority of 11.

The House of Lords to-day passed the bill granting amnesty to Princess Louise.

Lord Cranborn announced measures for national defence, and urged the necessity for early preparation, in view of the astonishing rapidity of the Prussian campaign in France.

Lord Northbrook defended the ministration on the War Office.

The Duke of Cambridge also made a speech in defense of the War Office. He approved of a large increase in the artillery and the cavalry arms of the service.

The Earl of Rosebery sustained the practice of procuring commissions in the army by purchase.

Lord Grey having censured the military policy of the Government, a call for the papers was voted and a Committee on Assembly appointed.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Feb. 22—4:30 P. M.—Consols 92; Bonds quoted at 92¼@92¾; Illinois Central 87@87½; Atlantic & Great Western 26¾@27; Erie 20¾@21; Atlantic & Pacific 8½@8¾; Pennsylvania 60½@60¾; Reading 59¾@60; Fort Wayne 84. Closed at 4:30 P. M. 92¾@92¾.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 22.—United States coupons, 1867's, 88½.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 22.—Cotton dull and unchanged; middling uplands, 11¾; middling Orleans, 12d. Sales 12,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export. Breadstuffs quiet. Red Western and spring wheat, 10s. 10d. Red winter, 11s. 3d. Flour, 27s. Corn, 30s. Provisions dull and unchanged. Tallow, 46s. 6d.

BASE BALL.

What that Chicago Club is Driving At.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—A report comes from reliable source that the Chicago Club, whose present quarters are in the elegant residence of Mr. Henry Fargnar, on Michigan avenue, have purchased Crosby's Opera House, fronting on the Washington and State streets portal property (about $250,000. The club will maintain the present Opera House auditorium as a Club House, and place them in charge of H. McVicker, of McVicker's Theater, but will fit up the basement and lower floor for the use of the Club. The present owner will occupy the first floor.

WASHINGTON.

The Administration Uneasy Over the Possibilities of the Counting Commission.

An Extraordinary Pressure in Favor of the Cincinnati Southern R. R.

Abandonment of the Effort to Repeal the Income Tax.

Missouri Outcasts at the Kitchen Door of the President.

(Special Telegraphic Correspondence of the Courier-Journal.)

Canada's Claims.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—No little amount of surprise was expressed in Administration quarters to-day over the dispatch submitted by the British Foreign Office to the Canadian Government, regarding the appointment of the joint high commission, wherein it is intimated that the claims of the Dominion for damages arising out of Fenian invasions will be submitted to the commission. According to the sense of the correspondence between Secretary Fish and Sir Edward Thornton, it was understood that only such claimsas arise out of the recent civil war between the citizens of the two countries should come before the Commission, and the former does not see how it can be true that the Fenian claims can, with any propriety, be even submitted for an arbitration at this time. The Commission, on the part of the United States, will certainly protest against this course. It has been known here, however, for some time that these claims to the extent of several millions had been prepared with a view of submitting them to this Government at the proper time, but their presentation to the joint Commission will certainly be most unexpected to this Government. The British dispatch in question, it is learned, was discussed in the Cabinet to-day.

The English members of the Commission arrived to-day, and were welcomed by Sir Edward Thornton, the British Minister, and escorted to a handsome private residence which has been rented for their use for six months. All of the American Commissioners are in Washington but ex-Attorney General Hoar. The first official joint meeting will take place next week.

The Japanese.

The Japanese financial embassy were engaged to-day in looking into the National banking system, and had it fully explained to them by Comptroller of the Currency. They evinced a good deal of quick perception, but were hardly prepared to indorse the plan for Japan, the object of which is to improve the kind of circulation for their currency. They state that, in case of universal circulation of paper currency, they would suffer heavy from expert counterfeiting.

The Income Tax.

The repeal of the income tax is substantially given up. Even if it could be passed by the House now, it is too late to act on it in the Senate, where a repeal bill once passed by a bare majority of one vote. The President, too, now inclines to the view of Secretary Boutwell, and expresses the opinion that the enormous increase of frauds and evasions of the income tax. The revenue bureau has given orders to all the Assessors to assess the tax under the new law next month.

River and Harbor Bill.

The House to-day passed the river and harbor bill, with all the items named in these dispatches of the 20th, amounting to seven hundred thousand dollars for the harbor of Chicago; a hundred and fifty thousand for a harbor of refuge at Calumet, Illinois; a quarter of a million for St. Mary's Falls; two hundred and seventy-five thousand for the Des Moines rapids, and a quarter of a million for the Louisville and Portland canal.

The Cincinnati Southern.

Another effort was made in the Senate to-day to consider the Cincinnati Southern railroad bill, and it only failed by seven votes. The friends of the measure feel hopeful over this vote, and are quite confident that they will win. The Democrats in both houses are quite unanimous against the principle of the bill, but the pressure from Ohio and Central Kentucky on behalf of it is almost unparalleled. It is hard at this stage of the session to predict the result, though, if no action is taken at this, session, the bill will be promptly reintrodnced in the new Congress, which meets one week from Saturday.

The Missouri Outcasts.

There are quite a number of Missouri politicians in town, among them ex-Gov. McClurg, Gov. Stannard, Jas. McFall, Wm. Patrick, Weston Flint and others. McClurg denies that he is after an office, though Grant stands ready to take care of him. Representative Boyd has promised her to make room for any more. The President does not regard him as so much of a martyr as McClurg and company.

The Newport Bridge.

The Cincinnati and Newport bridge bill is still in statu quo. The railroad interest was boasting to-day that it would prevent its consideration by this Congress. It has transpired, however, that they are willing the bill shall be passed, provided the railroad company be paid two hundred and eighty thousand dollars for expenses to be incurred in changing the plan of the bridge. This compromise the river men do not believe Congress will accept; but that a straight out bill raising the bridge ninety feet above low-water mark will be passed.

The M'Gill Disaster.

The Secretary of the Treasury to-day received the report of the inspectors ordered to investigate the causes of the disaster to the steamer M'Gill, of the Mississippi. It appears to have been a very searching inquiry, the result of which shows that the boat caught fire from a stove in the cabin The flames spread so rapidly and the excitement was so great among the passengers that the loss of life was large.

Transportation in Bond.

The bonds of the Camden and Amboy railroad and the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, for the transportation of bonded merchandise without appraisement to Western ports of entry, were to-day approved by the Treasury Department.

The Next House.

The Republican members from the South have been caucusing, and have decided that they must have a fair proportion of the offices of the next House. As that of Sergeant-at-Arms is the most profitable, they have desided to support a candidate for the place. They intend to make a formal appeal to this effect to the Republican caucus which meets on Thursday next.

Lost Bonds.

The Finance Committee of the Senate decided to-day to report the House bill for the duplication by the Treasury of registered bonds lost or stolen, on condition that the owners give a bond of indemnity to secure the Government from possible loss.

The House Military Enforcement Supplemental Election Bill.

comes up in the Senate to-morrow, and an attempt will be made to pass it before an adjournment. Its details have been heretofore given in these dispatches.

[To the Associated Press.]

Vanderbilt's Generosity Divided.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Argument was reopened to-day before Commissioner Pleasanton in the case of the New York Central railroad's scrip dividend tax, Senator Carpenter and Horace F. Clark appearing on behalf of the company. The papers upon which the argument based were submitted to the Commissioner for his consideration of the points presented, will deliver an opinion.

Coal in New York.

When Mr. Schumaker endeavored to introduce a joint resolution to-day, Mr. Brooks, of New York, wished to have read in that connection a telegram received by him from New York as follows: Coal $20 per ton; can't you inaugurate an immediate movement to abolish the duty.

Bonds, the Signature.

In the Police Court to-day it was stated by Assistant District Attorney Harrington that Gen. Barney, charged by Mrs. Francis Hicks with bigamy, had waived a preliminary examination. This is his second case of bigamy. He is accused was also to bail in $5,000.

Miller's Oath.

The President has approved of the joint resolution prescribing the form of oath to be taken by Senator-elect Miller, of Georgia, who will be admitted to a seat in the Senate to-morrow.

FEDERAL.

XLI CONGRESS—THIRD SESSION.

SENATE.....WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.

The House joint resolution relating to Pascoe Grande, being the McGarahan claim, was received from the House and temporarily disposed of, being laid on the table.

The Texas Pacific railroad bill was also received from the House. Action postponed till the bill is printed.

The Banking Act.

Mr. SHERMAN, from the Finance Committee, reported back the House bill to extend the provisions of the fifty-fifth section of the banking act of June, 1864, permitting embezzlement by bank officers to banks organized under the provisions of the banking act of February, 1865.

The Philadelphia Centennial.

On motion of Mr. Cameron, the Senate resumed the consideration of the Philadelphia centennial celebration bill, which was discussed without action till after the expiration of the morning hour, notwithstanding repeated efforts of the Pennsylvania Senators, Scott and Cameron, to secure a vote.

Mr. CAMERON gave notice of his intention to move to take up the bill in the morning hour to-morrow, and press its consideration till disposed of.

Mr. STEWART doubted whether Philadelphia could furnish the same facilities for the great exposition as that possessed by New York.

Mr. THURMAN desired to know more of the character of the proposed international exposition before voting upon the question.

During the morning hour the following was transacted:

The Bounty Laws.

On motion of Mr. Wilson the Senate bill to amend the bounty laws was passed. It is as follows: That all soldiers who were mustered into the service of the United States for three years, between May 4th and July 1st, 1861, and who were honorably discharged before serving two years, by reason of disability contracted in the service, are entitled to receive $100 bounty.

Mr. WILSON explained that the aggregate expense under the bill just passed would be about $400,000, and it was designed to carry into effect the decision of the Supreme Court. He had failed in his efforts to secure action upon a similar bill passed by the House last session, but which involved other matters. This measure presented the simple question of additional bounty.

Army Appropriation Bill.

Mr. COLE, from Committee on Appropriations reported the army appropriation bills with amendments.

Asiatic Commerce.

Mr. CONKLING, from Committee on Commerce, reported with amendments a bill to facilitate commerce between the United States and China, Japan and other countries in Asia, incorporating Thomas A. Scott, Benjamin L. Eggleston, James F. Wilson, R. B. Van Valkenburgh and others into the Asiatic Commercial Company, for the purpose of carrying on a general mercantile and shipping business with and constructing public works in China and Japan and other Asiatic countries.

The amendments make some changes in the list of incorporators, and provide that no United States shall not be liable to any person or foreign power for any matter growing out of the enactment of the bill.

Capitol Removal.

Mr. PRATT presented a joint resolution from the Indiana Legislature, in favor of the removal of the capital to the Mississippi Valley. Read, ordered to be printed, and laid on the table.

British Extradition Treaty.

Mr. CHANDLER presented concurrent resolutions of the Michigan Legislature, for such modification and repeal of certain stipulations and other words of defense.

Mr. FARNSWORTH advocated striking out the appropriation for Pulaski.

Mr. NIBLACK explained the character of the bill. The Committee on Appropriations thought it was true economy to expend a little more money in a first class monument to Pulaski. The committee had cut down the estimates of the department 50 per cent.

Mrs. FARNSWORTH replied that the policy of the engineer corps was to ask for twice as much as was wanted, so that the estimates being cut down 50 per cent., they would get all they wanted.

Mr. BECK remarked that the engineer department said they could get along with one-half the estimates, and accordingly it was agreed to by the committee.

Mr. FARNSWORTH recognized the necessity of some sort of defense, but saw no necessity for continuing the present kind of fortifications.

Mr. WELKER asked why the committee had proposed an appropriation for new sites.

Mr. NIBLACK explained that it was advisable to acquire nine or ten site, though not for immediate use.

The clause appropriating $50,000 for this purpose was sustained, on motion of Mr. Brooks, of New York, by the addition of a proviso that no contracts or obligations be incurred in the future expenditures therefor.

Mr. WELKER moved to strike out the original section, but the motion was disagreed to, and the bill was passed nearly in the shape originally reported.

Duty on Coal.

Mr. SHUMAKER asked leave to offer a joint resolution that on and after March 1st the duty on all species of coal be the same as on any other article that is free. Objected to.

Rivers and Harbors.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill making appropriations for the repair, preservation and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors and for other purposes.

Mr. HAIGHT offered an amendment appropriating $14,000 for the improvement of Shrewsbury river, New Jersey. He charged that New Jersey had been neglected, having received altogether only $38800, while other States, with far less commerce, had been liberally provided for. The amendment was agreed to.

Various other amendments were offered and discussed, and some of them rejected.

Mr. DAWES submitted whether four million dollars in the aggregate was not all that could be expended in such improvements.

A debate took place, involving the character of the bill and the amendment offered by Mr. Shrieking.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, in the course of his remarks, said that many of these appropriations were more for the purpose of enhancing this character of property than for the promotion of commerce.

Mr. COGGESWELL replied, maintaining that the committee had endeavored to make the best possible distribution for the public good.

Mr. JONES, of Kentucky, said that only about one-fourth of the money went from the South. It looked to him as if the bill was for the improvement of one section North to the exclusion of the South.

Mr. BOWLES offered an amendment for the improvement of Arkansas river.

Mr. POTTER objected, saying that the Arkansas river ought to be reached.

Mr. ROOT replied that Arkansas never would be reached, and Mr. Potter responded: It is never ought be reached."

Mr. ROGERS suggested a substitute appropriating $25,000 for the improvement of Washington river, Arkansas, which Mr. Boles accepted.

Mr. ROGERS said there was on this river from five to ten millions dollars' worth of commerce annually. The amendment was agreed to.

After several hours spent in offering and debating amendments proposing appropriations for various rivers and harbors not included in the bill, Mr. Sawyer, in order to stop further debate, offered an amendment to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to—yeas, 149; nays, 39.

Mr. DAVIS moved to have an evening session for the consideration of sundry civil service bills.

Several members—Oh, no.

The motion was rejected, and the House, at 5 o'clock, adjourned.

SAN DOMINGO.

Further News from the Commission —What the Party is Doing and When it Expects to Get Back.

[San Domingo Correspondence of the N. Y. Associated Press, per steamer Tybee.]

SANTO DOMINGO CITY, Feb. 14.—The Commission met last evening and exchanged views in regard to the manner of proceeding to the island for the propriety of forwarding a preliminary report of the investigation so far as made and particularly the result of the past few days.

It was expected at first, and was agreed to name the middle of April as the time of arrival in Washington, but the progress of a brief report by mail, it was decided not to send it in view of the fact that considerable important information has just obtained might materially modify any report made up from what had been daily considered. The Secretary of State was addressed in a brief letter giving an outline of the work already done, and a list of expeditions sent into the interior, together with the objects of each. Gen. Grant was made acquainted with what have been laboring under an attack of delirium tremens. He is about 30 years of age and has a wife and two children.

The patients and decorators were busily engaged yesterday putting on the finishing touches to the new ladies room of the Katchie Theater. The hall will be lighted when completed, one of the finest in the city. The dimensions of the hall are as follows: Area, 75 feet; side-room, 24½ by 31½ feet. The hall is carpeted with a handsome carpet of the best quality and beautiful pattern. The furniture is of the most elegant description, and will exhibit the excellent taste of the committee having the matter in charge. The hall is situated on the second floor of the Katchie Theater building, immediately adjoining Quast's Hall, occupied and owned by the Grand Lodge of Friendship Lodge No. 12 are: Theodore Domine, W. C.; John Cooper, S. W.; A. R. Robertson, J. W.; Samuel Griffey, G. L.; J. P. Mooney, Banker.

A BROKEN RAIL.

Serious Accident on a Pennsylvania Railroad—Passenger Train Precipitated Down a Forty-foot Embankment.

The Killed and Wounded.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Feb. 23.—The night express train on the Northern Central railroad, between Baltimore and Elmira, struck a broken rail a few miles below Williamsport, Pennsylvania, about seven o'clock this morning, and was thrown from the track down a forty-foot embankment. The engine, baggage-car, and first passenger car cleared the rail in safety without tearing the track. The second and the fourth passenger and third sleeping car went down the embankment. The fifth passenger car was thrown from the track, but not down the embankment. The first passenger car made three revolutions in going down and was completely wrecked. In this car one man, Adam Toymayer, of Milton, was killed, Edwin Lemon, of Warsaw, New York, badly hurt, and Benjamin Weeds, of Havana, very slightly injured.

In all there were seventeen persons more or less injured. Hon. H. Boardman Smith, of this city, was a passenger in the sleeping-car, and went down the embankment, but escaped unhurt. Hon. Horace Bemes, of Howellsville, was in the same car, and was thrown violently backward. His face was badly cut, and he received other injuries. The cause of the fire from the stoves at either end, but the flames were extinguished before they did much damage. Commander F. A. Roe, of the United States navy, was a passenger on the train, but escaped without injury. Every attention was given the wounded at the hotels in Watsontown and Williamsport.

JEFFERSONVILLE.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Feb. 24.

The protracted meeting at the Wall-street Methodist church is still progressing.

Master Julian Reed's dramatic company, from New Orleans, will exhibit at Masonic Hall next Tuesday night.

A large lot of shrubbery was yesterday being removed from Henry Rosenberg's grounds to the National Cemetery, at New Albany.

Eph. Ketwein, formerly of this city, has raised the Zulauf cottage, opposite Dr. Curran's, a full cost street, and will move to town shortly.

Teamsters are complaining of the wretched condition of old Market street, between Indiana avenue and Broadway.

The city marshals of Louisville have tendered to Mrs. Eph. Kelgwin, spirit medium, a suit of rooms free of charge, in the United States Hotel in that city, which offer has been refused.

Mrs. G. L. Whitman, of London, the Oriental traveler, will address a congregation of Methodists, at Strickland's, on Friday morning at 11½ o'clock, on Holy Land.

Mrs. Hattie Winiarta, teacher of the public school at the corner of Watt and Maple streets, is lying ill with consumption at her residence in this city.

Geo. Mott, Wm. Foster and Wm. Perry, all from Terre Haute, and each convicted of burglary, were, on Tuesday, at the request of the committed to the state Prison south, yesterday.

Mrs. Williams, who was recently sent to the state-house from this county, has been entirely cured and discharged. There is now not a single case of this dreaded malady within our city limits, and a long list of deaths, which was confirmed.

John Warley, a convict in the Southern State Prison from Brazil, City county, while repairing the roof of the prison manufactory on Monday fell from the roof to the ground and received a severe bruise, but escaped without breaking any bones.

The Daughters of Rebecca held a called meeting at the Bruner House on Wednesday night, and appointed the various committees, and chambers to take charge of the different tables and other arrangements of the festival, which commences Wednesday, March 1st, and will continue during the remainder of the week. It will be held in Mozart Hall.

At a dinner-party, given at the residence of Col. John N. Ingram, in this city on Wednesday, the occasion of the birthday of Mrs. Ingram's daughter, there were seven old ladies present, whose ages were as follows: Ages—Nicholson, 78 years; Julia Marsh, 71; Nancy Ault, 75; Ann Bostwick, 76; Susan Hopkins, 81; Harriet Stevens, 65, and Mary Pile, 85, making a total of four hundred and seventy-one years. Seven families were present at dinner, and are connected with the early history of this city and country.

A number of capitalists have under consideration the project of erecting a marine railway at this place, as well as a foundry and machine shop. Both of these enterprises are needed. It is most important to commence the marine railways first, and as soon as a foundry will be sure to follow as a natural result. It will require not $50,000 to build the ways if the ground is leased; but, if it should be bought, of course there would be that much additional cost. There is no necessity for us to urge these two important projects, because they are being constantly brought before us, after which, headed by Prof. Geo. Nanhoff's band, they marched down a portion of Front street to the Ohio river, where the "Star Spangled Banner" was played by Prof. Hughes, the professor of music at Miss Hall, where stirring addresses were made by Dr. W. H. Gheens, Rev. J. F. Sargent and Mrs. G. L. Whitman, of London, England. The ball was crowded in its utmost capacity, and the enthusiasm displayed during the delivery of the order were much encouraging.

Supreme Notice.

Fresh tomatoes and turkeys at Holmes & Thias' first-class grocery and confectionary.

Pomeroy coal at H. H. Ewing & Co's. for fifteen cents a bushel, delivered.

M. Lyons pays the highest price for furs, skins, rags, iron, etc.

Ladies and Gents' FASHIONABLE FURNITURE.—Benjamin Lamfrom, of New Market, between Spring and Wall streets, has just received a new stock of fashionable furniture, which he offers at greatly reduced rates.

NEW ALBANY.

NEW ALBANY, Feb. 24.

The friends of Mr. Eli Lewis, janitor of the Opera House, have tendered him a benefit next Monday night. A fine bill is offered.

Two hundred and fifty cakes of ice were taken from this city and deposited in the Cave Hill cemetery at Louisville yesterday morning.

The persons who have subscribed to the shipyard have been requested to meet at the City Court room this evening for the purpose of electing trustees and transacting other important business.

Mrs. Fry, a venerable German lady, for many years a resident of this city, died at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Harsh, on Spring street, in the Opera-House building.

A couple of men called at the boarding-house of Mrs. Cochran, on Main street, this morning for board and lodging, which was denied them. At 9 A. M. she had no vacant rooms. They then requested permission to leave their trunks, intending to call next morning. They then left the house and walked off. As yet not a word has been from. They hailed from Indianapolis, but their names are unknown.

A married man with the lower part of the city, who was jealous of her husband on account of his attentions to other ladies, attempted to put an end to her existence on Wednesday night by cutting her throat with a razor, but the instrument was too dull to accomplish the deed with a severe gash, which was sewed up by a physician, is satisfied with the experiment, and her has sand to mention.

Mr. Campbell, a brakeman on the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago railroad, was arrested by Marshal Adams at the depot Wednesday night charged with stealing a pair of blankets, the property of the railroad company. When he had in his possession, when arrested, a couple of pass-books, a pair of iron cracks, a bunch of keys, a jack-knife, and a false beard. He was committed to jail to await a preliminary examination before Squire Thomas.

On Wednesday, County School Examiner P. V. Albright visited the schools in Lafayette township. He reports as a most special mention of St. Mary's school, near St. Mary's Catholic Church of the Valley. It is in charge of J. B. James, Esq., is admirably managed and will compare favorably with any school in the county; there are eighty-seven scholars enrolled and an average attendance of ninety-one. There was only sufficient funds to run the school sixty days in the last year, but through the efforts of Father Glenn funds were procured to keep up the school six months in the year. Mr. Albright visited the school of Franklin township yesterday, and found them in excellent condition.

About 4 o'clock yesterday evening William Bell, well known in this city, fell from the scaffolds at the west aboard of Hosmer & Co.'s wharfboat and Jackson's warehouse, and came to Carl Reimer told him that he was then still living at the hotel, and crown his troubles by jumping in the Ohio. Reimer compelled Bell to take off his hat and coat, and told him that he could not drown himself by jumping off the wharf. Bell then went to the river and swam for a moment and suddenly turned to the lower part of the wharfboat, and disappeared beneath the stream. He was twice, but was rescued from the storm of the boat by a party of men in a skiff. Bell, it is said, is a man of family, and is said to have been laboring under an attack of delirium tremens. He is about 30 years of age and has a wife and two children.

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THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

Contracts, Claims and Appointments —Ordinances and Resolutions— An Additional Steam Fire Engine for the West End.

CITY ALMS-HOUSE TO BE SOLD.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN—OFFICIAL.

THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 23, 1871.

Present—President Rubel and all the members. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

A message was received from the Mayor, returning, with his objections, an ordinance fixing the rates of wharfage and rules and regulations of wharves and the question being upon the passage of the ordinance, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding, the same was approved by the following vote:

YEAS—None.

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Mr. Carter presented a petition from H. A. Robinson and others, asking that steps be taken to grade and macadamize Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Breckinridge and Kentucky streets, which was referred to the Committee on Sewers and the Engineer.

CLAIMS ALLOWED.

Robert Bowe, $125 50 for footway crossings.

Long and McCarthy, $1,062 50 for cleaning streets.

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Ray & Connell, $47 06 for lumber.

Ferrill & Sadler and others, $1,282 04 for paving intersections.

Chas. Obst, $425 26, for repairs of streets.

M. Engel, $272 65, for repairs of streets.

Chas. Hieser, $197 60, for repairs of streets.

D. J. Bowles, $200, for stone.

Courier-Journal Co., $50, for printing.

Louisville Ancestor, $250 50, for printing.

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Thomas Bradley, $1,062 50, for stationery.

A. A. Gemmell, $—, for printing.

G. & H. Kottemann, $200, for burying paupers.

Chas. Slevin, $3 50, for sand.

Reece & Brother, $31 75, for repairs on Scarborough.

W. A. Peter and John Coakley, $212 29, for paving intersections.

L. M. Meister, $75, on account of damage to property.

Isaac Reboer, $75, damages for loss of a horse.

C. Obst and others, amount of retained per centage.

Geo. W. Hider, $24 10, repairing of cistern.

CLAIMS REFERRED.

C. J. Weber, $86 for Coroner's fees.

Wm. White, $3 90 for repairs at Western Cemetery.

J. F. Bullitt, $255 70 on account of judgments.

Mr. Vissman submitted a petition from G. Fiser and others praying the improvement of Calhoun street, which was referred to the Street Committee, Second District.

Mr. Walton presented a petition from John C. Gies, city weigher, asking the privilege of erecting scales on the wharf, with a resolution granting such permission, which was adopted, and the resolution having been amended by the Common Council, this board concurred in the amendment.

Mr. Walton submitted a substitute from the Common Council for a resolution from this board permitting Ryan & Payne to erect coal scales on the wharf, which was adopted.

Mr. Waigen, also submitted a Council resolution authorizing the appointment of an inspector of gas meters, which was amended and adopted.

Mr. Barret, from the Finance Committee, reported a resolution from the Council directing making appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1871, which was read a second time and passed in the following vote:

YEAS—President Rubel, and Messrs. Vissman, Krack, Jenkins, Barret, Spalding, Guthrie, Carter, Gilbert, Walton, Gault and Byrne—12.

NAYS—None.

Mr. Barret submitted two weekly statements of the auditor as to the condition of the appropriations for the fiscal year, which were ordered filed.

Mr. Carter submitted a contract executed with J. M. Summers to keep the public wells and cisterns in good condition for the year, which was confirmed.

Mr. Spalding, from the Committee on Public Charities, submitted the first annual report of the Commissioners of Public Charities, which was referred to the joint Committee on Public Charities.

Mr. Vissman submitted the following petitions for taverns and coffee-houses, which were severally granted:

Mr. Gault, coffee-house, Market street, between First and Second.

Philip Sauer, tavern, Jefferson street, between Brook and Floyd.

Jacob Peters, coffee-house, Broad way, between Sandy and Second.

Julius Laval, tavern, Jefferson and Underhill.

J. Trangell, coffee-house, Fulton, between Market and Green.

Louis Ehrman, coffee-house, Preston, between Main and Market.

John Huber, coffee-house, Brook and Fulton.

Mr. Gilbert submitted a motion to reconsider the vote by which an ordinance was passed to repeal an ordinance creating the office of Inspector of Live Stock, and providing for the inspection of the same, approved November 14, 1870, which was carried, and the ordinance was then passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Krack, Barret, Spalding, Guthrie, Carter, Gilbert, Walton and Byrne—8.

NAYS—President Rubel, Vissman, Jenkins and Gault—4.

Mr. Guthrie, from the Committee on Railroads, reported an ordinance in regard to the Central Passenger Railroad Company, granting extension and modifying the route of the same between the said road and the city of Louisville, which was read a second time, amended and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—President Rubel and Messrs. Krack, Barret, Spalding, Guthrie, Carter, Gilbert, Walton and Gault—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Vissman and Byrne—2.

Mr. Krack submitted a Common Council resolution authorizing the purchase and location of the engine and hose for the West End.

Mr. Spalding submitted a resolution from this board authorizing the sale of the slime-house and other property, and the purchase of other grounds for slime-house and cemetery purposes, with an amendment from the Common Council, in which amendment this board concurred.

Mr. Jenkins, from the Committee on Streets, submitted a communication from Mr. Fleischmann, surveyor and engineer, and of John Rines, W. E. Pennington, Thomas Ryan and James Farrell, policemen, in relation to the boiling of a tar.

Mr. Carter submitted the following contracts, which were severally approved:

McDonald & Co., to execute the stone work on new City Hall.

J. C. Navin, to dig and wall a well at the intersection of Hancock and Broadway.

John Rogers, to improve Duncan street from Seventeenth to Bank.

Jas. Navin, to dig and wall a well at Twenty-Fifth and Grayson streets.

Mr. Spalding submitted a Common Council resolution approving the Engineer's appointment of the improvements of the sidewalks on the south side of East Main street, between Preston and Floyd and the west line of Frost, Rehm's lot, which was adopted.

Mr. Spalding submitted the following ordinances from the Common Council, which were severally read and referred to the Street Committee, Second District:

An ordinance to improve a portion of the sidewalk on the north side of Campbell (or Kentucky) street, between Shelby street and Logan street.

An ordinance to improve a portion of the sidewalk on the north side of Chestnut street, between Preston and the alley between Preston and Jackson street.

An ordinance to improve the unpaved portion of the sidewalk on the south side of Laurel street, between Hancock and Lee.

An ordinance to improve a portion of the sidewalk on both sides of Webster street, between East Main street and Washington street.

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Mr. Spalding introduced a resolution directing the Engineer to cause the gutter on the west side of Seventeenth street to be repaired, and the holes in Seventeenth street, from Main to Kentucky, filled, which was adopted.

The following resolution from the Common Council were read and referred:

A resolution approving the Assessor's appointments of the rate of taxes on lands and lots from Lexington to Delaware, Ferrell & Sadler, contractors.

A resolution requesting the Mayor to inform the Council whether the Louisville, Cincinnati and Lexington, and Louisville and Nashville railroads have complied with the provisions of their contract which prohibits the connecting lines to approach each other within a less distance than ten feet.

A resolution directing a bridge to be placed across the intersection of Montgomery and Chestnut streets.

A resolution from the Common Council directing the Mayor to advertise for bids for a sewer in Kentucky street, from the present sewer to Bonnycastle creek, was referred to the Committee on Sewers, Eastern District.

The following separate ordinances from the Common Council were read and referred to the Joint Revision Committee:

An ordinance regulating awnings in the City of Louisville.

An ordinance regulating the use of sidewalks, streets and alleys, and of signs, awnings, awning-posts and rails placed on or over the same.

A resolution from the Common Council authorizing the construction of a sewer in Second street, from Broadway to Breckinridge, was referred to the Committee on Sewers, Eastern District.

A resolution was adopted to meet again on Thursday evening, March 9, 1871, at 8 o'clock, and then the Board adjourned.

OLIVER LUCAS, Clerk.

BOARD OF COMMON COUNCIL—OFFICIAL.

THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 23, 1871.

Present—Charles R. Long, President, and all the members except Messrs. Mitchell and Shaburn.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

A message was read from the Mayor submitting the following ordinance and bonds, which were referred to the Committee on Ordinances:

A contract executed by Jos. Navin to dig a well at the intersection of Hancock and Broadway streets.

A contract, executed by Jos. Navin, to dig and wall a well at the intersection of Twenty-fifth and Grayson streets.

Communications from Seventeenth and Eighteenth wards, from citizens thereof, asking the improvement of Dumesnil street, from Eighteenth to the Louisville and Nashville railroad. Referred to the Committee on Streets, Western District.

Petitions from sundry citizens relative to the opening of an alley from Sixteenth to Seventeenth streets. Granted.

Mr.

Courier-Journal.

LOUISVILLE.

FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 24, 1871.

KENTUCKY NEWS.

Elizabethtown is to have a new depot.

The Owensboro Savings Bank was opened for business on Friday.

At the sale of Marcus Browning in Lexington on Tuesday, corn sold at $2 25 per barrel.

The Newcastle Constitutionalist comes out in favor of negro testimony as making a virtue of necessity.

Judge R. B. Gray, an old and prominent citizen of Newcastle, has been lying seriously ill for fifty-eight days.

The Glasgow Times has the following suggestive notice: "The man that took O'S boxmakers' boots will please call and get his silk hat."

A correspondent of the Memphis Appeal from Rock Haven, Kentucky, stirring himself "Newcomer," says that he is an opium eater, and has found a thorough cure, and is willing to impart the same.

A singular phenomena was witnessed in Owensboro Sunday morning, a beautiful rainbow extending from east to west, across the sky, the latter being colorless, and presenting a view as strange as beautiful.

A difficulty occurred at Three Springs, in Hart county, last Saturday, between Jack Johnson and Frank Curd, in which the latter was shot and slightly wounded. It is said that eight or ten shots passed between the parties.

Mr. B. R. Henry, son of Joel Henry, of Harrison county, is now a resident of one of the Islands of Fiji, south of Australia. He purchased a farm in that country, for which he paid $15 per acre, but is now calling a portion of it for town lots at $50.

Major Thos. E. Moss, says the Hickman Courier of the 18th, the gallant and able member of the State Legislature from McCracken county, is to be married on the 28th inst., at Covington, to Miss Maggie A. Bright, daughter of ex-U. S. Senator Jesse D. Bright.

In tearing down an old building in Lexington the other day a set of books were found dated as far back as November, 1795, and in which the house was put down for sale. Although the property was put down at $2,000, an offer of something bought by Humphrey Marshall.

On Saturday night last, at two minutes after twelve, in which W. E. Thompson shot and killed John Martin. B. S. Reynolds was in company with Thompson at the time of the shooting. An examining trial was had before Judge Jones on Tuesday, and the parties held for further trial.

The aged father of Leonard Able, of White Mills, Hardin county, walks in company with a young gentleman whose name the Elizabethtown News will not give, was attacked with a club by the young rascal and knocked insensible. He was known to have a fifty-dollar bill in his possession, but the timely arrival of a gentleman prevented the intended robbery. The assailant escaped.

Newcastle has a laughing club, and as a preamble to its constitution, we find the following: "We, whose names are hereunto affixed, in the full belief that frequent cachinnation is essential to the preservation of health, and believing also that association is the most productive of this essential, do unite to this end, and pledge ourselves to the observance of the following constitution and bylaws."

Newton Yarbrough, a lunatic, came near being cooked to death Thursday in the Glasgow jail. He was confined for safety in one of the cells, and about noon, was found through the little square opening in the cell door. While in this position he was suddenly seized with a fit and rendered unconscious. He head caught in the little opening and he was only removed in time to save his life. He was sent to the poor-house for safety in the evening.

Two colored preachers belonging to the Methodist Church South came to Cynthiana to take charge of the house which the Northern (colored) Methodists have been occupying, which belongs to the Church South, on Saturday evening last. The preachers made application to the friend of the colored brethren for lodging, but could not obtain it. The negroes believed that the preachers of the Church South were in favor of putting them back into slavery, and would have nothing to do with them.

The Frankfort Yeoman says: "There is considerable excitement, we learn, in Pineville, in the neighborhood of Cedar Bluff county, and the county generally, over the report that the Legislature is contemplating the passage of a bill prohibiting the sale of liquor within the limits of the county. On yesterday a remonstrance, numerously signed, reached here, in which it is stated that the petition, upon which the bill is based, had been obtained by parties who live just across the line which, at Cumberland Gap, separates Kentucky from Virginia and Tennessee, and, being bent on mischief in the article, want to have the exclusive privilege of furnishing the good people of Josh Bell with their grog. This, of course, is a high-moral dodge worthy of a genuine 'down-Easter,' and no wonder the good people of Josh Bell remonstrate."

The negro who perpetrated the outrage upon the person of Mrs. Liddell, the particulars of which we gave some time since, visited his victim again about dark on the night of Wednesday of last week, doubtless for the purpose of repeating his halfer-deserving crime, and of adding to it murder, for, the moment of entering the door, he remarked to the terrified woman that he had "come to finish her." Mrs. Littell instantly recognized the fiend as the same who had so shamefully wronged her a week before, and screamed for help. Her cries brought to her instantaneous aid some male members of the household, who were attempting to seek her. The negro, however, caught the sound of hurried footsteps and fled, and, owing to the darkness of the night, escaped. The neighbors and friends of the injured lady are using the most industrious means for the negro's capture, a thing devoutly to be wished, when, says the Columbia Spectator, "we will have no objection to writing the particulars of a social hemp-pulling in consequence."

As Parson Neal rode into Glasgow on Tuesday morning he met a young gentleman and lady, on horseback, near Reynold's carding factory. The young man informed the Parson that the hearts of the twain beat as one and his ministerial offices were all that was required to consumate their earthly happiness. The Parson readily consented to serve them, but suggested the propriety of the party alighting and seeking some suitable place for the ceremony. To this the parties demurred, and upon the license being produced, they joined hands, and there, in the saddle of the public highway, bride, bridegroom and parson, all on horseback, they were married. After the ceremony Parson Neal remarked, good-humoredly, to the happy groom that it was the custom for the preacher to salute the bride with a kiss, but that on the present occasion he would resign this pleasant office to him. The bridegroom modestly declined the offer, but promised the Parson that he would do it as soon as he got home. Andrew J. Oursey and Mary J. Pierce were the parties to this novel wedding.

The Glasgow Times has the following: "One night last week a party of armed men went to the house of Antony Johnson, a negro, who lives in Monroe county, near the Barren line, and shot him to death. Antony, it will be remembered, was arrested last summer and committed about four months in our county jail, on the charge of robbing Batton's store. He was brought to trial jointly with two other negroes, at the last October Circuit Court, and, after the evidence was heard on the part of the Commonwealth, a nolle prosequi was entered. He came to town about three weeks ago and instituted suit for malicious prosecution against the parties who had him arrested, claiming $1,000 damages. A short time after this he was killed in the manner mentioned. We have heard nothing so far that is likely to lead to the detection of the perpetrators of this murder. But we desire to say in this connection, to our Radical exchanges, that Antony was murdered in a Radical county, and in perhaps the most intensely Radical part of that county; and further that he was a Democrat."

John Martin writes to the Paducah Kentuckian that the Radicals want a big secession for the election of '72, and will use Kentucky as their object. He says: "Another thing I can say to the Democracy of Kentucky, and I wish I could impress it on the present Legislature who alone have the power to act: You owe it to yourselves—you owe it to the good name of the Commonwealth—you owe it to the nation—you owe it to humanity—you owe it to the civilization of the age to suppress these disorders at every hazard and to the last extremity. You hold the political power in Kentucky and you will justly and rightfully be held accountable for the preservation of law and order. Appropriate all the money necessary to accomplish this object, and when you catch the scoundrels engaged in this nefarious work, let them be black or white, Radical or Democrat, hang them as high as Haman was hung. Nothing short of this will relieve the Kentucky Democracy from the damnable charge of encouraging a state of lawlessness and disorder. It out to be done at once, for there is not an hour or a moment to spare."

SOUTHERN NEWS.

Negro recruits for the U. S. army are rejected in Nashville if married.

Barbour Lewis has been confirmed as Appraiser of Customs at Memphis.

The ice machine in Memphis, it is calculated, will turn out thirty tons per diem.

Mme. Corinne Chastant, a prominent lady of New Orleans, died last Sunday, aged 74.

It is stated that the solitary juror, who stood out for the acquittal of Bowen in the bigamy case, was a negro.

An actor of New Orleans, who has an eye to business, has caused his name to be "starred" even in the city directory.

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A man was stabbed in New Orleans the other day, and has since refused to allow his wound to be dressed or to give any information as to the cause of the difficulty.

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A few days since a train upon the Greenville road, Georgia, was fired into and the engineer seriously wounded. The police have arrested Dexter Gibson, a young man who had been confined in the lunatic asylum for several months, and had been recently released, who admits that he fired the gun, and excuses himself for shooting the engineer by asserting that he was "mad with the treatle, and that the engineer was "either drunk, crazy, or a desperate character," who wanted to kill him. He was let off nearly scot-free, and was forced to jump from the track, when he "fired both barrels of his gun at the man who wanted to kill him."

The Memphis Avalanche has this: "There is a certain colored justice of the peace, named George Wright, resident in the little village of Hopefield, over the river, in the State of Arkansas, who divides his time in adjudicating on cases of all kinds to the best of his ability, and cattle-stealing. Whatever his abilities as the supporter of justice may be, as a cattle-stealer he is a success, for within the past two days he has succeeded in 'lifting,' Rob Roy-fashion, no less than half a dozen fat cows, belonging to different parties, and attempted to run them over the river, for the purpose of selling them, but only succeeded in crossing one, belonging to Mr. Groves, of Hopefield. The owner promptly followed and procured a warrant from Recorder Scales for Wright's arrest, but up to a late hour last night he had not been taken into custody."

Some nights ago a party of men went to the house of an old man named Bowen, living on the outskirts, near Charlestown, Virginia, took him out of bed, carried him to the barn and beat him until he was black and blue with hickory rods. They then turned his wife and children out of doors—and drove the whole family, Bowen himself included, before them over the top of the mountain, on the Port Republic road, giving them notice that if they returned they would kill them all. The night was a very bad one, but the whole family were, driven out without being allowed time to put on their clothes. The matter was investigated, and warrants issued for the arrest of the parties. It is well that Bowen had served through the war as a Confederate soldier, or this occurrence would be brusted abroad as the work of Kuklux, although it was entirely the result of a private difficulty.

The Three Amendments.

In discussing the Democratic issues for 1872 the New York Times misreports the facts and misrepresents the sentiments that enter into the Democratic view of the political situation.

The Democratic party declares that the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments to the Constitution of the United States were wicked and are of dangerous tendency, that they were carried by coercion and fraud, and that most of the evils that now beset the country proceed directly from them or the machinery created by them. The Democratic party makes this assertion in order to acquit itself of all accountability, and to place the responsibility where it belongs. The facts embraced in the Thirteenth and Fifteenth amendments have already gone into operation in such a form as to render them practically irreversible this side of another revolution. The Thirteenth amendment made the negro a freeman, and no one wants to remand him to servitude. The Democratic party would not attempt this if it could. The Fifteenth amendment makes the negro a voter. But this provision has become a part of most of the State constitutions, and, therefore, if the amendment were rescinded, negro suffrage would not be abolished. So no Democratic authority proposes that as an issue. The objectionable features of the Fourteenth amendment can be wiped out by act of Congress, and the Democratic party proposes this universal amnesty as its first measure of justice to the South. As evil influences, the three amendments have done their worst. That worst and its consequences must be made plain to the people. They are none of our doing. We not only fought them, but predicted how they would work. We assail them now to establish the correctness of our position. We simply seek to put the cap where it fits—a very necessary thing in political and in legal affairs.

All this FRANK BLAIR has made plain enough. But the New York Times refuses to understand it and elaborately mistates it. To our mind it is essential that the case should be fairly made up and we are prepared for it. The three amendments certainly form a part of the conduct of the Radicals. That conduct is certainly the thing we are to examine and discuss. How does this involve revolution? We accuse the Radicals of squandering the public moneys. Is this revolution? We accuse them of corrupting the public service. Is this revolution? We accuse them of separating the peace-seeking people of the two sections. Is this revolution? We accuse them of violence and fraud in respect to the ratification of three constitutional amendments, and we hold this up as proof of their capacity and intention to do evil and as a reason why they should be deprived of the power. How can you make revolution out of this?

But the New York Times declares that behind it all there is a lurking purpose of revolution, and that we do not represent our party. On this point we can only point to the facts as they are visible to the naked eye. When we laid down the points contained in the present article six months ago there were but two Democratic papers of character that pretended to dispute them, and they did so, as we think, under a misapprehension of the case. But, whether they did or not, no respectable element disputes them now. General BLAIR has put them forcibly, and the Democratic party is daily doing the same thing. The Democratic Congressional [illegible] ago refused to stultify themselves by indorsing the amendments. They had fought them and they were not going back on their record. But because we refuse to indorse a thing does not imply that we mean to destroy it. We may dispute the justice of a legal decision without meaning to break the law.

The New York Tribune says that in making a noise about reconstruction we are barking at an empty rat-hole. Precisely, and we have two very distinct objects in view; we want to take care that that same old rat doesn't come out any more, and we want to provide against any other rat-holes of that description.

The Birds of Prey Again.

The death of General MAGRUDER affords the rampant Radicalism of the country an opportunity of indulging itself, and it does not fail to seize it with eagerness.

This was to have been expected and is to be counted on. It forms a part of the Radical policy of everlasting hate, and, being methodical as well as malicious, enters largely into the success of the political management of the Radicals.

For an efficient and skillful worker command us to the cool malignant, who not only is pressed on by a clammy sense of venom within himself, but who knows how to stir up the passions of those who would be more liberal but are less intelligent than he is. Mr. CHARLES SUMNER and his partizans, the Pittsburg Gazette and papers like it, may be mentioned by way of illustration. Whatever viciousness there may be in the South, and, since human nature is the same everywhere, of course the South cannot hope to escape its share, is kept in the background by the pressure of a wise if not an unselfish public opinion. The prostrate man into their abode, and that is all that was told of the matter.

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In 1868 the husband of Mary Campbell, colored, was assassinated by disguised men about ten miles east of Huntsville, Ala. She has now brought suit against Madison county. Last spring Mr. B. R. Thompson, a well-known citizen, was killed by disguised men at his residence about 9 miles north of Huntsville, and Mrs. Lucy D. Thompson now sues the county. Under the law, declared constitutional by the Supreme court, not less than $5,000 must be awarded in each case. If the proof is that the killing was done by disguised men—to be paid by the county out of its treasury.

A few days since a train upon the Greenville road, Georgia, was fired into and the engineer seriously wounded. The police have arrested Dexter Gibson, a young man who had been confined in the lunatic asylum for several months, and had been recently released, who admits that he fired the gun, and excuses himself for shooting the engineer by asserting that he was "mad with the treatle, and that the engineer was "either drunk, crazy, or a desperate character," who wanted to kill him. He was let off nearly scot-free, and was forced to jump from the track, when he "fired both barrels of his gun at the man who wanted to kill him."

The Memphis Avalanche has this: "There is a certain colored justice of the peace, named George Wright, resident in the little village of Hopefield, over the river, in the State of Arkansas, who divides his time in adjudicating on cases of all kinds to the best of his ability, and cattle-stealing. Whatever his abilities as the supporter of justice may be, as a cattle-stealer he is a success, for within the past two days he has succeeded in 'lifting,' Rob Roy-fashion, no less than half a dozen fat cows, belonging to different parties, and attempted to run them over the river, for the purpose of selling them, but only succeeded in crossing one, belonging to Mr. Groves, of Hopefield. The owner promptly followed and procured a warrant from Recorder Scales for Wright's arrest, but up to a late hour last night he had not been taken into custody."

Some nights ago a party of men went to the house of an old man named Bowen, living on the outskirts, near Charlestown, Virginia, took him out of bed, carried him to the barn and beat him until he was black and blue with hickory rods. They then turned his wife and children out of doors—and drove the whole family, Bowen himself included, before them over the top of the mountain, on the Port Republic road, giving them notice that if they returned they would kill them all. The night was a very bad one, but the whole family were, driven out without being allowed time to put on their clothes. The matter was investigated, and warrants issued for the arrest of the parties. It is well that Bowen had served through the war as a Confederate soldier, or this occurrence would be brusted abroad as the work of Kuklux, although it was entirely the result of a private difficulty.

The Three Amendments.

In discussing the Democratic issues for 1872 the New York Times misreports the facts and misrepresents the sentiments that enter into the Democratic view of the political situation.

The Democratic party declares that the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments to the Constitution of the United States were wicked and are of dangerous tendency, that they were carried by coercion and fraud, and that most of the evils that now beset the country proceed directly from them or the machinery created by them. The Democratic party makes this assertion in order to acquit itself of all accountability, and to place the responsibility where it belongs. The facts embraced in the Thirteenth and Fifteenth amendments have already gone into operation in such a form as to render them practically irreversible this side of another revolution. The Thirteenth amendment made the negro a freeman, and no one wants to remand him to servitude. The Democratic party would not attempt this if it could. The Fifteenth amendment makes the negro a voter. But this provision has become a part of most of the State constitutions, and, therefore, if the amendment were rescinded, negro suffrage would not be abolished. So no Democratic authority proposes that as an issue. The objectionable features of the Fourteenth amendment can be wiped out by act of Congress, and the Democratic party proposes this universal amnesty as its first measure of justice to the South. As evil influences, the three amendments have done their worst. That worst and its consequences must be made plain to the people. They are none of our doing. We not only fought them, but predicted how they would work. We assail them now to establish the correctness of our position. We simply seek to put the cap where it fits—a very necessary thing in political and in legal affairs.

All this FRANK BLAIR has made plain enough. But the New York Times refuses to understand it and elaborately mistates it. To our mind it is essential that the case should be fairly made up and we are prepared for it. The three amendments certainly form a part of the conduct of the Radicals. That conduct is certainly the thing we are to examine and discuss. How does this involve revolution? We accuse the Radicals of squandering the public moneys. Is this revolution? We accuse them of corrupting the public service. Is this revolution? We accuse them of separating the peace-seeking people of the two sections. Is this revolution? We accuse them of violence and fraud in respect to the ratification of three constitutional amendments, and we hold this up as proof of their capacity and intention to do evil and as a reason why they should be deprived of the power. How can you make revolution out of this?

But the New York Times declares that behind it all there is a lurking purpose of revolution, and that we do not represent our party. On this point we can only point to the facts as they are visible to the naked eye. When we laid down the points contained in the present article six months ago there were but two Democratic papers of character that pretended to dispute them, and they did so, as we think, under a misapprehension of the case. But, whether

Bismarck's Grip.

The measures adopted by the German authorities in Alsace and Lorraine are calculated to make us look with a great dealt of distrust upon the statements of the correspondents of certain English papers, that BISMARCK is inclined to leave a great portion of Alsace and Lorraine to France. The Prussian Government has been very busy for some time in removing all civil employes in the municipal administrations of those provinces, that were natives of other portions of France. It has permitted all prisoners of war that hailed from Alsace and Lorraine, who swore the oath of allegiance to Germany, to return to their homes. It has issued a decree which makes it a penal offense for any Alsatian or Lothringian to join the French army. It has adopted many other measures besides, which indicate that the Prussian eagle by no means intends to relax his grasp upon the prey he now holds in his talons, no matter how unwilling the inhabitants of those portions of France may be to become Prussian subjects. BISMARCK does not generally pay much attention to the desires of the citizens of the countries he covets, and that he should now be moved by any regard for the feelings of the French people, after he has crushed their power at a tremendous sacrifice of blood and treasure, is utterly improbable. He is too practical to miss an opportunity to get all he can now that he has an opportunity, such as will, perhaps, never again offer itself to Prussia.

The Institution for Deaf Mutes.

The forty-seventh annual report of this establishment has been received. From it we learn that during the year 1870 ninety-seven persons received instruction, at an expense to the State of about $23,000. There is an endowment fund amounting to $24,100, arising from the gift of $1,000 from Captain MAGOWAN, of Montgomery county, and the proceeds from the sale of a township of land voted to the State by Congress in 1826. It has been called the oldest of the State's charities, but it is no more a charity than any of the public schools, and, like them, brings back indirectly to the State treasury a rich return for the investment and an incalculable benefit to its pupils. It is of the greatest importance that every deaf mute in the State should be brought under the influence of this institution, and all persons who know of such should make it a matter of personal interest to call their attendance within its walls. The address of the principal is J. A. JACOBS, Jr., Danville, Ky., and a note to him will obtain all needed information.

☞ The New York World thinks that BOUTWELL can't remain say longer in the Cabinet without losing his self-respect. That he didn't lose it when he went into the Cabinet, is sufficient evidence that he now has none to lose.

☞ C. C. BOWEN now wants Congress to pass an act making the marrying of three wives a question of privilege, to which any member of that body may rise at pleasure.

CITY ITEMS.

[illegible] S. W. Robinson is not. [illegible] has been since Oct. 10th, [illegible] spent [illegible] Louisville. [illegible] Courier, [illegible] Journal, [illegible] Commercial, [illegible] Herald, Hazard [illegible] Ledger, [illegible] Times, [illegible] Democrat, [illegible] Staats Zeitung, [illegible] Anzeiger, [illegible] Bulletin, [illegible] Post, [illegible] Commercial, [illegible] Volksblatt, [illegible] Tribune, [illegible] Abendpost, [illegible] Journal, [illegible] Courier

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SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 26, 1871.

SMALL TALK.

GARFIELD accused Beck of attempting to "dynamite the President with his fatal praise."

MILTON GARVER drives a span of horses so well in my team in the business. G'long! Lick 'alead!

THERE is a newspaper in Pennsylvania called the Lycoming Standard. It's Republican, of course.

THE expression, "Winning golden opinions," originally appeared in the Louisville Commercial's Table Talk.

ANNA DICKENSON advertised herself in St. Louis as "the most gifted and eloquent woman in the world." Anna is nothing if not modest.

GEORGE ALFRED TOWNSEND describes Boris as "of Philadelphia, a very respectable man of the greatest consequence in the bosom of his family."

Lydia Mason, of Kentucky, crimped her hair with a "hot box iron, and now goes bald. Up-shucks! Ladies take off their hair to crimp it.—[Boston Post.

THE Nation remarks: "What can be the mental condition of an orator who holds up N. P. Banks as an example of what abstinence from cigars may do for a man, to a generation which knows Bismarck to be a smoker?"

FOR winds that waft and sweep over, Memphis is peculiar. The Appeal says: "It is possible, even probable, that Nilsson will electrify the music-loving people of Memphis by songs sung more cheeringly than any that were ever wafted by winds that sweep over this city."

FROM Beecher: "Round came the north wind and swept down upon the rosebud, saying, 'Give me a kiss.' But the rosebud answered 'No!' Round came the east wind and swept down upon the rosebud, saying, 'Give me a kiss.' But the rosebud answered 'No!' Then came the south wind, blowing lustily and lovingly, and the rosebud kissed it."

THE STATE CAPITAL.

Legislation Goes Forward—The Questions Adjourned over the Court of Appeals—Railroad Charters—State House of Reform—&c.

[Correspondence of the Courier-Journal.]

CAPITAL HOTEL, FRANKFORT, KY., February 25th, 1871.

It will be seen by referring to the report of proceedings that the Legislature has been quite busy to-day. A number of bills of more or less interest have been under consideration and some of them disposed of. Sir Tite Barnacle and the circumlocution office were hardly in the same hours and offices during the morning session, though their influences was by no means unfelt.

THE QUESTION OF ADJOURNMENT.

Senator Vallandingham called up the motion entered for a previous day to adjourn by concurrence in the House resolution providing for an adjournment on Wednesday next, March 1st. It must now be apparent, he said, to every Senator that it was important business for which the present session was convened could not possibly be disposed of by that time. He really could see no reason why of the session had not thus far been acted upon. Nothing had been done toward the relief of the State's financial embarrassments, and other measures of perhaps equal importance remained yet in embryo. The concurrence of the Senate in the House resolution was reconsidered, and the time fixed on to 10 days. On the suggestion of Mr. Carlisle, the further consideration of the question of adjournment was postponed to Tuesday next.

THE HOUSE GROWING INDUSTRIOUS.

This morning a resolution was adopted by the House providing that the morning session will commence at 9 o'clock and conclude at 1½ p. m.

COURT OF APPEALS.

The Court of Appeals convened this morning; present, Justices Peters, Lindsey, and Pryor. Chief Justice Robertson being in consideration of the feeble health of Judges Robertson and Hardin, adjourning the court to April 5th, on docket to be made out accordingly.

RAILROAD LEGISLATION.

If all the charters asked for and obtained really represented railroads, we should hardly have ground enough left in the State to raise potatoes and cabbages. Several bills for the chartering of railroad companies were enacted by the Senate to-day.

SECRO TESTIMONY "IN CONNEXO."

The bill to which I referred in my yesterday's letter providing for the introduction of witnesses, without respect to race or color, by consent of parties, was passed to engross in the House to-day. In reporting it the chairman of the committee, Mr. Chrisman, of Jefferson, explained the object sought to be was in the interests of white men, and for the protection of the judges of the Commonwealth. In the past, said he, the House has was adverse to negro testimony; it had proved such to be the case by a very decisive vote on a recent occasion; but he would submit that it would be unjust to so far so as to subject him to fine and imprisonment by the present law.

We will pass the Legislature prove itself equal to the occasion by the enactment of a law admitting the testimony of negroes for all it is worth to our State's credit.

STATE HOUSE OF REFORM.

Col. R. K. White, who has done so much for the establishment of the State House of Reform, has been in Frankfort a considerable portion of the session, and was one of the committeemen in conjunction with Mr. Hinkley, of the Building Committee, to get a bill through the Legislature making such an appropriation as is necessary for its establishment on a permanent footing. I regret to say that the case required the amount asked for from $65,000 to $35,000 in the bill passed yesterday. The Senate to-day concurred in the House bill, so the best, perhaps, that could be done under the circumstances. The will all come right, however, in the end. The House of Reform has thus far been most judiciously managed, and if the Legislature declines furnishing the means essential to making it what it should be the next is sure to do it.

MORE ANTI-LIQUOR LEGISLATION.

Considering the number of "cocktails," "stimulants," "punches," and "toddies," dispensed by that most accomplished of beepers, Jerry Duffy, of the Capital Hotel, and his assistants, and the demijohns and barkets of champagne that are opened, to say nothing of the thirsty buckets driven by others in the same line of business, the proclivity of the present Legislature for anti-liquor legislation is rather peculiar. The last enactment in the shape of prohibition by the House authorizing the counties of Clark and Montgomery to decide by vote at the August election whether they will license for the sale of liquor shall be granted.

ABOUT NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS.

The members of the House of Representatives, notwithstanding the anxiety of some of them, on the subject, and the instructions given the door-keeper and sergeant-at-arms, are still in Cimmerian darkness respecting the identity of the chief of the Courier-Journal's fort correspondent. Not only are members of the House curious about the matter, but Solomon Cohn, and the people of Frankfort, who, as well know, ordinarily take scarcely any interest at all in affairs appertaining to the Legislature, continue to evince an interest scarcely commensurate with the subject. "Who is 'Jake?'" is asked of your correspondent and others on the streets and "Who is 'Jake?'" without any satisfactory solution of the problem. The Magister of yesterday was bought by a great many people who are not, as a rule, in the habit of consulting the columns of that very respectable tortoise of journalistic literature for personal information, but in vain were its pages scanned. Editorially it was dumb as an oyster on the subject of the expulsion of its special correspondent, and though it in the Frankfort dispatches here mention was made of what had been done yet the reader looked in vain for a reply to the query. The inference I rather suspect the fraternity correspondent, whoever he is, has no comeback in him, and that the instructive and spicy letters of "Jake" from the capital of Kentucky will be known no more henceforth and forever—that is, known as "Jake's" letters. Your correspondent, representing as he has the honor of doing, the Courier-Journal, I hope I will be pardoned for the use of the term, which, though somewhat savoring of slang, is emphatic and expressive—purple journal of the West, has, during his somewhat extended experience as a legislative correspondent, been in the habit of speaking ill of members and of what is done by them without fear, favor, or partiality, and he proposes to "fight it out on that line," regardless of consequences. He has found it his duty at times to censure in no mea mod terms also of omission or commission on the part of our legislators, and even rare instances ever to attack particular members, impugning their motives and conduct. In this he has, however, always in the past, as he will ever, always in the future to do, tried to be just and decorous in his criticisms and comments, never losing sight of his responsibility and acceptability to every party considering himself personally aggrieved. A newspaper correspondent has no right to employ scurrilous language in censuring legislators and their acts, but legislators and legislators are unquestionably legitimate subjects of criticism, and no one who is either too sensitive or too timid to place into them when they happen to deserve it is fit to be entrusted with the duties of correspondent.

THEY PROPER.

Mr. Chrisman, from the Committee on Revised Statutes, to-day reported a bill from the House, originally introduced by Mr. Atherton, of Larue, prohibiting any State officer from taking a fee as to procure or prevent the passage of any measure before the General Assembly. No one can, or at least no one ought to, object to the passage of a prohibitory law of the kind proposed.

FRANKFORT TAKES ARACK.

The rejection of the capital extension appropriation yesterday by the House was widely associated by the Frankfort public, and has produced quite a sensation. Members may expect Frankfort influence and Frankfort seductions henceforth to be in full force and effect.

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OUR TROPICAL TOY.

San Domingo as Seen by the New York Correspondents—A Wonderful Country and a People who are Peculiar.

SOME CHOICE SKETCHES.

The New York papers of the 21st are crowded with correspondence from San Domingo. We give below the cream of the best of the letters:

[World Letter.]

SAMANA BAY—A BEAUTIFUL SCENE.

Shall I say one word now of the exceeding beauty of the scene which burst upon us as soon to-day when we came in full view of the entrance to Samana Bay? As we drew near the land the hills presented a bold bat as bare an appearance also as the slopes of the islands of the Greek Archipelago or of Attique and Attic Epirus. The estimable General Rigel, who stood with a pair of compasses in one hand and an opera-glass in the other near me on the deck at that moment, fell into a passion of sighing at the exotic prospect. But we steered steadily onward, turned Balandra Head, a striking bluff of a rich, red hue, and the shores stretched before us a glorious amphitheater of hills, terrace upon terrace, green as the Tyrol, and waving with all tropical foliage. Along the sunny beaches white and shady cocoa-nuts waved their magnificent, pendulous plumes. Higher up dense forests of shining trunks and broad leaves were broken here and there by clear, bright spaces where rose, white and smiling, some settler's hut, and along the loftiest ridges there mingled with the dense green of the forests the pale green of the cactus and the silvery acropolies. General Rigel stared in an undertone from the decoys of his opera-glass, and I suspect he "fit to possible, even probable, that Nilsson will electrify the music-loving people of Memphis by songs sung more cheeringly than any that were ever wafted by winds that sweep over this city."

Really, Samana Bay, seen in clear weather and in good case, is a spectacle lovely enough to expend a certain amount of hearty enthusiasm on the part of devout believers in the wisdom of tropical annexations in general and of the annexation of Santo Domingo in particular. Whether a nearer inspection in cooler blood will maintain even the spirit of General Sigel at this exalted point of the thermometer remaineth, however, to be seen.

Let me here note that, so far as I now perceive, the flag of freedom waves here only over a single small island—the Caremero, used as a coaling station. We see another flag floating lazily above the town ashore, but it seems that this is only a private affair, and represents not the government but one of the people of the United States—Mr. Burr, of Rockport, Maine.

[Tribune Letter.]

SANTO DOMINGO CITY—RECEPTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS—WADE'S TALK WITH BAEZ.

Santo Domingo city is nothing but a ruin. I have been here now two days, and have searched vainly for a new house, a fresh brick, a newly-quarried stone or a lately hewed scantling. Apparently there is not in the whole city a structure that is not two hundred years old. All the houses bear the proof of time and decay. Crumbling stones, concrete falling to decay, and other vines clinging to the walls, moss and mold and discoloration everywhere. Every street is but a copy of its neighbor. Houses in like positions, with like thick walls, massive doors and barred windows. But the Tribune readers are familiar with descriptions of this ancient town, and I am glad to leave it to its decay for the story of the present.

President Baez and his three chief ministers came to the national palace about 10½ o'clock, with the expectation of receiving the Commissioners at 11; but, owing to some unlucky accident, the Commissioners and their staff had been ready to move for some time, did not set out from their lodging until after 11. A detachment of cavalry of an hundred was sent by the Dominican dignitaries in chief with newspaper correspondents and the other guests with the followers in the suite of the Commission, occupied many of the rooms of the palace. It was 11½ o'clock when the three Commissioners—accompanied by Mr. Fred. Douglass, General Sigel, Mr. Sumner and a few others—entered the principal spaniard apartment of the palace, which was thrown open on the occasion as a reception room, its lofty ceiling resounding to the tramp of every foot on the floor of the immense assemble, and its doors opening on the two parties—Baez and his Cabinet and Mr. Wade and his coadjutors—multiplied by the immense mirrors upon all the walls, echoed in long vistas, as far as the eye could see, which in ancient days was brought to the palaces of Santo Domingo by Don Diego Columbus.

Each Commissioner in turn was presented to President Baez, whose manner throughout the whole of the ceremony was that of a polished gentleman, and of course, also that of Mr. Wade then read the following address:

ADDRESS OF THE COMMISSION.

Mr. PRESIDENT: We have the honor to place in your hands an autograph letter of the President of the United States, which will explain to you the object of our mission. Your Excellency will see that it is a mission of peace and good will. We come under instructions from the Congress, communicated by the President, of the United States, to make sundry inquiries regarding the republic of which you are the chief Executive, and these instructions explain themselves. We trust we shall be received as friends, and afforded such facilities for the investigations we are seeking as may be necessary. Accept from and through us the most cordial wishes of the people of the United States for the happiness and prosperity of the Dominican republic.

PRESIDENT GRANT'S LETTER

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, D. C., January 15, 1871.

His Excellency, B. Baez, President of the Republic of Santo Domingo:

SIR: In accordance with a joint resolution of the two Houses of Congress of the United States, herewith annexed, I have designated citizens of the United States, to-wit: the Hon. B. Wade, for many years a Senator; President Dr. Howe, distinguished for his philanthropy, learning and services in relieving the blind and the unfortunate of the boundary of the mutual to their infirmities by openings to them the world of letters, as Commissioners to visit the republic of Santo Domingo, and to obtain such information, called for by the resolution. Associated with the Commission is also Judge A. A. Burton, Secretary to the Commission, a gentleman honored his country by serving in the diplomatic capacity, beg to introduce these gentlemen, and to ask for them such kind offices. With great respect, your obedient servant,

U. S. GRANT.

President Baez replied, in Spanish, as follows:

ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT BAEZ.

GENTLEMEN: I have received with much pleasure the autograph note which his Excellency, President Grant, has sent me through the honorable gentlemen who compose the commission that your mission, ordered by the Congress of the United States, is one absolutely of peace. It is the desire and decision of this republic; one of the grand motives which has produced these negotiations. Our people desire the pacification of the country, the development of its riches by means of labor, and to see guaranteed the existence, liberty and property of the citizens. You may count on the most ample and absolute liberty in the exercise of your Commission. The government offers whatever data you may consider necessary, and will take especial pleasure in giving you every satisfaction. In meting your investigations as to the spontaneity of the revolution of the Dominican people, we desire ardently that you will consult, not only the immense majority in favor of annexation, but also those who are opposed.

The Commission took seats at the north end of the room—at first in stiff and formal row, according to rank, but soon breaking up into groups of two or three or four, who engaged in animated conversation. On one side Mr. Delmonte, Minister of Justice and Education, and Mr. Bonetti, Secretary of War, were engaged with Dr. Howe, Gen. Sigel, and Fred. Douglass; on the other, President Baez and Mr. Wade, President of the Senate. Baez spoke in French fluently and accurately, President White was interpreter between him and Mr. Wade. Omitting compliments, there will be some interest in this, the first conversation between the Dominican President and the Ohio statesman, who spoke for the United States.

President Baez—Our trouble, sir, in this whole negotiation, from the commencement, has not been with our own people. At the first mention of annexation, they were well pleased; but not so our neighbors. We found that we must at once prepare to defend the Dominican nationality from a Haytien invasion—our old and often-repeated source of trouble. The Haytians were determined to prevent, if possible, our alliance or union with the United States.

Mr. Wade—Are not many of the Dominican people with Cabral?

President Baez—Far from it. Let me explain. We ask for protection. Why? Not to protect Dominicans from Dominicans, but from Haytiens. Cabral, whom so much is said in the United States, and so little here, is really a mere tool in the hand of discontented Dominicans; but he is with a force of Haytians, a few other foreigners, and a very small number of persons related to or connected with himself. He is of little importance. The force is Haytian; its officers are Haytians. He does not command it, in fact; but a Haytian General is in command. The Haytian Government, by his aid, is making as vigorous a demonstration as possible, just at this particular time, in order to effect the people of the United States, and prevent the neighboring Dominican republic from being united with a strong power.

Mr. Wade—Your statement is something new to me, and will be new to most of our people. It is entirely certain!

President Baez—Beyond question, and perfectly well known to us here. Here are several letters received from there recently; [He showed two letters recently received from the Haytian frontier, and confirming his statement.] These and plenty of similar proofs in the archives of my office show that what your hear of as Cabral's movement, so far from being an insurrection of the Dominican people, is really a war made by the people of Hayti upon this republic. Cabral has a dozen or two of men whom he has gathered from abroad, and perhaps as many from this country; but this is with a Haytian force, which is commanded by a Haytian General—General Cassellon.

We ascertained on the frontier that an envoy from Nisage Saget, who is at the head of the Haytian Government, to Cabral, bringing word that his time had been selected for a general movement against the Dominican Republic, in order to prevent the consummation of the friendly relations between the Dominican and the American Republic. This Rashaccat or was Jno. Lynch, a colored man of American origin; he carried instructions to Cabral to make the greatest effort he could to surprise some of the Dominican people, by a raise of the Haytian force, appealing to them with the idea that this annexation movement was a mask; that its real purpose was to take all power from the blacks and colored people, and place all in the hands of the whites.

Mr. Wade—Cabral has created no such impression here. Our informants from Hayti say that he is to perform their part of the contract in furnishing the requisite amount due by the 1st of December, from the prospect of the United States Government in the consummation of the contract and the commencement of the operations, and they immediately set about to raise it. Poor as the country is, it wanted $60,000 by the Tybee. Poor as the Government is, it has refused to allow the money to land, and sent it back again to the agents in New York for fear it his conditioning with the proposed annexation. [At the close of the interview Mr. Wade said he would be much obliged if he could have a memorandum of the conversation, as he was in need of money to meet their expenses. I will mention this to show that the Government has in hand no additional amount of debt for the United States to assume in case of annexation.

[Tribune Letter.]

TRANSPORTATION—PRICING MONEY—MODES OF CONVEYANCE.

As there are no roads there are naturally no wagons, and the only thing approaching a vehicle that I have seen is a rude cart, brought from the United States. The only mode of land transportation is on ox or bullback. The loads of course are small. They are packed in bags, and slung across the animal's back. Water transportation is done by means of clumsy dug-outs, or logboats, of the most primitive kind. The trunk of the ceiba tree. Rude and awkward as they are, the negroes handle them with great dexterity, and manage to urge them at considerable speed.

The price of labor—such as the labor may be called—is or $1 95 in United States coin. But this standard of value is entirely the product of the annexation scheme. Before the excitement on this subject sprang up one could hardly get a man for $1,000 a year. Beneath a shade made of palm-leaves others were sewing; other summed little children, the wives were looking out of doors, or playing around in bracelets and ear-rings until they are about six years old, when a pair of pantaloons and a shirt are added to the ornamental portion of their attire. There were women tending stray women washing clothes at the streams; women bringing large bundles of trees branches into the village to feed the horses and cows which were fathered around the houses, but the hale portion of the population seemed to be doing very little except superintending the gamboles of their female companions.

Most of the farmers are, however, in the interest and I here we doubt that they were at work in their little plantations. I have every reason to believe that their will work if the incentive is given them. Mr. Burr, to whom I have alluded, says that he had as many as five hundred men employed at one time on his place; but the endless revolutions and resultful state of society kill everything like industry. In proof that the people will work if they are paid for working he says that a thousand people, for whom I am indebted for much valuable information, says that he asked a man to get him some shells from caves four or five miles distant, and that next morning he brought him two or three large baskets full, for which he demanded only one dollar and a half.

The people would be glad if they could bring me a pheasant! I would pay him for it. Two hours afterward, while strolling through the town, I met a gentleman with a rifle-looking sort of gun on his shoulder and a bird in his hand. He was about two miles away from town. I asked him what I should pay him and he said a quarter would be enough. I made a similar agreement to honest Ibor, although he had not exactly fulfilled his part of the contract, for instead of a pheasant he brought me something which I took to be a parrot. The people is of the simplest description. Bananas and oranges, cocoa-nuts and plantains, rice, tortillas, a tropical fruit, are the principal means of consumption. Bacon, beef and other flesh meat is used, but not to any great extent. The lower ages of the oldest citizen are those of the island. On the borders of the cyenite, these rocks are often cut by veins of auriferous quartz, and elsewhere they contain unquestion deposits of copper, and in one locality iron.

The coal mines reported to exist in Santo Domingo are merely the beds of coal which in the shales of the tertiary rocks which constitute the northern chain.

A SPECIMEN PROCLAMATION.

We sail in an hour or two. I have therefore only time to give a hasty translation of the proclamation issued in the north of Santo Domingo by the friends of Cabral and Haytien invasion. It is as rich as it is tremendous, and as classical as Mr. Sumner himself. But I am sorry to say that it was printed in Spanish. It is as well that there is no doubt whether a single copy of it has ever yet reached Santo Domingo. I have found here a number of the partisans of Cabral and Industry. I have my occasions a present on the Commissioners in Santo Domingo. With them it is really a matter of business. One person could do more for the cause than the whole army of Cabral to command good terms for himself in any change which may come upon the fortunes of Santo Domingo. Of all this, however, more anon.

I send you also, having no time to translate it, the following specimen of a Haytien proclamation, issued at San Juan de Maguana, January 7, 1871. It also was printed at Curacao, and has never been seen at the place whence it purports to be hrished:

TO ARMS! DOMINICANS! TO ARMS!

The sword of treason which erst hung over our heads, like the sword of Damocles, now threatens the roots of the tree of our independence.

Ulysses Grant, the unprovoked enemy of our liberties; the accomplice of Baez, that new Napoleon the Little, who wishes to place himself into crime; Ulysses Grant, the worthy successor of Adams, of Polk, the immoral usurper of Texas, and the author of the basis on getting possession traitorously of our country—the country of Pina, of Sanchez, of Cruz, and of Duarte—to convert it into the inheritance for his legion of Yankees, those model Dorians who are coming to impose upon a free people the sad fate which in an evil hour befell the Mexicans at the hands of the Lacedæmonians. Although falsehood, bribery and corruption have not yet succeeded in completing the two-thirds of a majority needful in the Senate at Washington, the libertidicular plan; yet the filibusters who are mainbeg it, succeeded in a handful of Dominican traitors, consolidate themselves although in a venal press "that the commeroor of Lee will not fail to keep the rude elements of Dominican society down," and by looking at him with the material progress of the country."

Know you, sons of August and of February, the intentions of Grant? They are, he includes a sentence of expropriation and of death against all our people. It announces the end of our nationality, and will raise the flag of the cross to be hauled down and in its stead to be hoisted the flag of the stars and the stripes.

What will it matter to us that after annexation the natural wealth of our land shall cease to be neglected, and its magnificent harbors, bays, and inlets, which are the glory of the Antilles, regarded as "rude elements," shall be repelled with blood and fire from partaking in the benefits of civilization and progress? which Baez and his cut-throats seduce us? shall God the Greek the Creek Indians actually reap from the progress of Tennessee, their natal land, from which they were driven by the sanguinary soldiers of the inexorable Jackson? What good the Winnebagoes and the Illinois have derived from the Lares by the violence of the soldiers of Scott? What boots it to the Cherokees that their country is one of the most favored regions of the soil where they were born was snatched cruelly from them by the inhuman Pickens? What to the Seminoles, finally, the transformation of their country, when they are scattered to behold it only from afar? Now, what reason have we, Dominicans, to hope for a better fate than the Creeks, the Winnebagoes, the Cherokees and the Texans? Let us undeceive ourselves, Dominicans! Like those primitive inhabitants of North America, we, too, shall be dispossessed by the Yankees of our lands, our rights and our liberties. And yet we invite them to arms to re-enforce these lost possessions. Thenceforth treated as "rude elements," we shall see our glorious banner trailed in the dust of our own land, and tormented by remorse at the thought it was we who opened its doors to the foreigner.

But there is still time, sons of August and of February (these are the months of Dominican glory.—W. H. H.) to avoid the evil which is impending over us. Let the next Congress to send a commission here to treat with the Judas who rules us for the sale of our country for a mess of pottage. Let us take up arms before it be achieved, and force or drive from the throne the vulgar tyrant who oppresses and who sells us!

To arms! Dominicans to arms! Public opinion is not with the traitors. They are treading on the combustibles which their vile hands and their credulities have piled up, and those combustibles will convert the Republic into one immense blaze as soon as Cabral shall fire his first gun at Azua de Compostella. Let us precipitate events! Let us rush forward to revolution! To arms! then, to arms! When the tyndom of Grant reach our shores, instead of meeting a people of buffoons ready to forge themselves the chains of their slavery, let them be confronted by a people of freemen, resolved to die in defense of the sacred treasure of their independence. To arms! Dominicans! To arms!

In the Christian year 1. 1871.

A THOUSAND PATRIOTS.

KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

THURSDAY, February 23, 1871.

REPORTS.

Mr. Alexander—Sinking Fund—A House bill to authorize and empower the sale of the interest owned by the State in turnpikes. Print, and special order for Tuesday next.

Mr. Vallandingham—Resolution—Raising a committee to investigate and report concerning finances of the State. Adopted.

BILL TAKEN UP.

A bill for the benefit of Sarah Wade, widow of William M. Wade, deceased. The rejection of this bill was reconsidered, and when put on its passage the result was—Yeas 24, Nays 14. So the bill was passed.

Mr. Ford moved to reconsider the order to print and make special order for Tuesday the two bills, reported from the Statutes, to incorporate stock companies. The motion was adopted, and made special order for to-morrow.

BILL TAKEN UP.

A Senate bill, amended in the House, in regard to the appropriation to the House of Reform. [Appropriates $35,000 in place of $65,000.] Concurred in.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Vallandingham moved to take up the motion to reconsider the vote by which the House resolution from the House fixing the first of March as the day of final adjournment of the General Assembly.

The vote on the same was as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were—Mr. President, Messrs. Alexander, Bell, Bigstaff, Chenault, Chilton, Cockrill, Conklin, Conner, Dudley, Ford, Gardner, Hawes, Hines, Hobson, Perrin, Pickens, Talbott, Vallandingham, Wood, Wyatt and Yeaman—24.

Those who voted in the negative were—Messrs. Boyd, Bradley, Gardner, Wm. Johnson, Payne, Reed, Sampleford, Turner, Tyler and Yorkes—10.

And the vote was reconsidered, and the further consideration of the resolution was postponed to Tuesday next.

HOUSE.

BILLS REPORTED.

Mr. Chrisman—Revised Statutes—To permit witnesses to testify in certain cases. [The bill provides that race or color shall be no cause for excluding any witness or testimony offered in any criminal or penal prosecution or civil suit now pending, or hereafter to be instituted, in any of the courts of this State, provided the same is otherwise competent, and the party against whom the witness or evidence is offered consent, of record, that witnesses or evidence may be introduced or against him. Placed in the orders of the day.

Mr. Hindman — Corporate Institutions — To amend the charter of the town of Pompkinsville, in Monroe. Passed.

Mr. Newman—County Courts—To change the time of holding quarterly courts in Ohio county. Passed.

Same—To authorize R. S. Mosely to make a cross-fence to the suits of the Ohio county quarterly courts. Passed.

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Same—To amend the act regulating the sale and storage of illuminating oils, so far as the same applies to Ohio. Passed.

RESOLUTION.

Mr. Glass offered a following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

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SPECIAL ORDER.

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The amendment was lost, and Mr. McGrath's appropriating $5,000 to assist in paving for an iron bridge across the canal at Portland, on the Louisville and Richmond turnpike road, was withdrawn.

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Courier-Journal.

FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 24, 1871.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

FRANK BALDWIN, of New Albany, Indiana, was arrested yesterday as a vagrant.

THE Excelsior dancing club gave a hop this evening at the residence of Mrs. Lock, No. 5 East Walnut street.

JOHN LEE, for illicit distilling, on trial before the United States Court, was last night lodged in jail for safe keeping.

THE alumni of the Louisville Law School will meet at three o'clock this afternoon at the law rooms in Court Place.

KATE NELLIGAN escaped from the work-house yesterday evening, and she is now a lost sheep much sought after by the officers of that institution.

FOR the fiscal year ending October 10, 1870, Commonwealth's Attorney Fox has, out the state, collected $617 87; and Judge Fox has $4,215 45. Total, $4,833 32.

MAT. BRADON, an Irish boy living in California, fell from a fence yesterday evening and broke his arm just above, and also his collar bone. The fractures are very serious.

JOE HALL, colored, who has been in jail here under indictment of the Circuit Court grand jury, yesterday gave bail and was released. His case has been remanded to the U. S. Court.

THE city was very successful as a litigant yesterday in the U. S. Circuit Court. In four cases she resisted the claims of landowners against plaintiffs, thus causing a dismission of the cases at their costs.

JIMMIE BRANNIN, whose parents reside on Gray street, between Jackson and Preston, was reported to the police last evening lost, as he strayed away from home before night and has not since been heard of.

JUDGE COWLIN, Grayson county; Judge H. F. Turner, Henderson county; Malcom Yeaman, Henderson county; A. S. Lewis, Greensburg, and Col. Esh, Ward, Lexington, Ky., were at the Louisville Hotel yesterday.

THE curved track being laid from Market street to Thirteenth, for the Portland and Market-street cars, will greatly facilitate travel by that route, thus obviating the necessity of the turn-table at that place. It is nearly completed.

WALKER LYNN, who was arrested by Lieutenant Stenborn, on Wednesday morning, came before the city court yesterday morning, and his preliminary and larceny on the premises of John Rapper. The case was continued until to-day, the defendant under bond of $200.

CHARLES ROGERS, a colored man, who lived on Eleventh street, between Walnut and Gravson, and works on the tin-boats at the wharf in this city, while coming from one boat to another yesterday, made a misstep and was drowned before assistance could reach him.

SIX county hams, six keys (one a small trunk-key) and an iron hammer were found in a box-car on the Louisville, Cincinnati and Lexington railway, west of round-house, by officer Donnegar, at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. The articles await an owner at the City-street station.

TWO fire alarms sounded last night, about 8 o'clock, in close succession; but, though the engines responded promptly, the fires proved to be insignificant. The first was from box 21, on Third street, between Main and the river; the second from box 71, on Portland avenue and Bridge street.

THE following gentlemen stopped at the Galt House yesterday: Hon. John Young Brown and Samuel B. Tinsley, Hopkinsville, Ky.; Gen. and Mrs. Clarke, Evansville; Samuel B. Thomas, Elizabethtown; Col. Howard Todd, Owen county; Hon. W. McKee Fox, of the Senate; and Col. and Mrs. Hancock.

WE saw a puppy on Jefferson street at a late hour last night, nothing up a lamp-post, who had evidently been twenty hours in his round of survey. He wanted (sic) to know, stranger, (sic) if you weren't (sic) Birkington's wash (sic) day, and if it wasn't Birkington's wash (sic) day whose wash day was it?

A CANDIDATE for a teacher's certificate at the School Board's examination yesterday, gazed fearfully at the arithmetical problems presented, sighed, ciphered for a minute or so, gazed again, shed a tear of vexation, and then turned off to have a book pulled as a far more endurable exercise.

A BOY of the name of Hamilton, who works at the job printing office of Terrell & Hays, on Fourth street, between Main and Market, was cleaning one of the presses yesterday evening with benzine, when it caught fire from the gas-light and burned his clothing almost entirely off before it was extinguished. His shoulder was badly burned.

ED. HAMMOND, robbing John Grady of $18, arrested by Haffner and Stallings; S. M. Clarke, obtaining $300 worth of clothing from R. E. Berwin, by false pretenses, arrested by Rigdon and Gallagher; J. P. Robb, carrying concealed deadly weapons; A. W. Ford, same offense, arrested by Stratton and Barnhardt, were in station-house No. 2 last night.

THE COURIER-JOURNAL'S report of the suicide of Christopher Straub stated that probably the only cause for the act was to be found in the fear, so common to old men in reduced circumstances, that he would become a charge upon his children. We understand that, if such was his feeling, there was no good ground for it, his children being able and entirely willing to take care of him.

At a meeting of Zoar church, called for the purpose and held at said church, corner of Fifteenth and Jefferson, yesterday evening, it was unanimously resolved to revive the Scotch Benevolent Society, for many years existing in the city, under the old constitution, which a committee was appointed to revise and present to an adjourned meeting on the 3d of March next, the hour and place of meeting to be duly and visibly advertised by a committee appointed to select a more central place for the holding of the same and for the quarterly meetings of the society.

AMUSEMENTS.

Nilsson.

As will be seen Mr. Strakosch announces in this morning's issue a farewell concert by M'lle Nilsson and the concert company, at Weisiger Hall, a week from next Saturday evening, March fourth.

Opera House.

As Amindab Sleek last night Mr. Frank Drew was exceedingly funny and the part well sustained throughout. For afterpiece the farce of the Omnibus was produced, Mr. Drew appearing as Pat Rooney, and making as pleasant a specimen of the character as of his other Irish parts. To-night will be produced Boucicault's drama of the "Long-ed Actress," with Mr. Drew as Grimaldi, to conclude with "Eating Mad." With Mr. Drew as Augustus Tactic, a series of imitations being introduced.

Weisiger Hall.

A large house was in attendance last night for the next but last appearance of the Sargent Vaudeville Company. This troupe is certainly a very excellent one indeed, one of the best variety companies that have been formed in this country this year, and in each feature is an eminent success. An entire change of programme was offered last evening, which Mr. Wyman, who in his quiet way has won very much upon acquaintance, introduced with great effect as anecdote of his own, burlesquing operatic music. The company is well worth support, and for this evening, positively the last exhibition in this city, a crowded house may be expected.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS.

Suits Instituted against the City.

The opinion of Judge Ballard in the cases of certain colored persons against the city of Louisville for school money paid to their masters was delivered in the United States Circuit Court yesterday, and treats of several interesting legal points connected with the civil status of Kentucky slaves during the army during the late war. A pressure upon our columns of other matter more generally interesting compels us to defer the publication of this decision.

The Legislature of Kentucky, during the year, passed an act for the benefit of Louisville, authorizing the city to collect a bounty of $200 for each recruit furnished by her to the Union States army, and by this act she filled her quota by substitutes, generally from the negro population. On many of the contracts thus made by the city with these recruits suits have been instituted in the United States Court here. Four were brought in 1869 for $300 each, and many more were instituted in 1870. Four of these have come up yesterday, Fountain T. Fox, Jr., appearing for the city, and pleading the statute of limitations successfully. There will be sufficient to test cases, but none instituted during the year 1870, and since, can be maintained.

Mr. Fox, by the manner in which he litigated these cases, has saved the city an enormous sum—something near $300,000, as there were about a thousand bounty men raised by each suit, each for $300. If his plea had not availed in these cases, hundreds more represented by Gen. Marshall and W. O. Watts.

A VICTIMIZING VICTIM.

Arrest of S. M. Clarke for False Pretenses.

Detective Bligh yesterday afternoon arre ted a gentleman at the Louisville Hotel, S. M. Clarke, who has been going it on his good looks in this credulous city for nearly two weeks. As a pretended victim of the steamer W. R. Arthur disaster, he won confidence and generosity of several Samaritans who assisted him very liberally.

Under these pretenses he secured a suit of clothes on a credit, professing to have money in the bank; and tried to purchase a watch from Messrs. Barnes & Co., and laid by a fine beaver at the hat store of Hastings & Courtney, beside making other purchases on promises to pay, the most extensive being a patent-right for some Northern State window-fastening for $350. Not coming up with the money, however, this bargain was not consummated.

Officer Bligh, being notified of his proceedings, took him in custody, and he will doubtless answer for the Price of them before the Judge of the City Court this morning.

Shooting Affair.

A shooting affair occurred in the bar-room of the United States Hotel last evening, which is variously attributed to accident and design. It appears that Wm. McCullough came into the barroom and called for a lemonade. Jacob Sommer, the bar-keeper, was engaged in its preparation, when, hearing the click of a pistol, he looked up, and found the weapon in the hands of McCullough. He struck the pistol with his arm, when it exploded, shattering the large mirror at the rear of the bar, the ball passing over or near his head. It is said that some six weeks ago McCullough was arrested for disorderly conduct in this same bar-room, and it is also said that he was intoxicated last night, and was merely displaying the weapon, when it went off by accident. McCullough was afterwards arrested.

THE STEAMER KATIE.

Louisville Launches the Paragon of the Western River Fleet.

SPEED AND SPLENDOR.

We devote considerable space this morning to a description of the sensational Katie, now lying at the Portland wharf. She is now receiving her outfit—the ornamental and artistic are giving the finishing touches, and she will leave on Sunday at 5 p. m. for New Orleans, after which she will enter upon the

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trade, for which she has been built, and is specially designed. In writing about this really superb specimen of steamboat architecture we shall not indulge in high-flown phrase, nor yet in those sensory superlatives which are supposed to please children. The "Katie" is not a "Maid of the Mist," or a "Naiad Queen," a fairy of any kind, nor is she built for deities. She is not a toy, nor a trinket; on the contrary, she is a substantial steamboat, built of oak and iron—representatives of strength and durability. She is designed to play a conspicuous part in the commerce and travel between New Orleans and Vicksburg, and these important considerations have been kept as conspicuous prominence, from the time her keel was laid by D. S. Barnard, Esq., to the latest touch of the painter's brush. The Katie is a

LOUISVILLE-BUILT BOAT,

and as such she goes forth to the world. Mechanic, business men, and shippers, who will place in her hold and upon her guards the rich cargoes she is expected to float to and from her destined ports, will inquire with interest how the sturdy qualities of the materials of which she is constructed, and these inquiries will also be pressed by Government inspectors. In these investigations the owners and builders not only have nothing to lose or to fear, but everything to gain. The more searching the inspection the better for all concerned, and we but echo the wish and anxiety of every merchants and constructor who has furnished material or driven a bolt in building the Katie, that those who may pass judgment upon materials and workmanship make their investigations as thorough as possible. In this matter Louisville takes a deep interest, and feels also a just pride in the fact that, for perfection and grace of model, for great speed, tasteful adornment, and luxurious comforts, Louisville-built boats hold the first rank, and have never been surpassed. That the Katie will fully maintain this well-earned reputation of Louisville mechanics, only a superficial survey of her various departments is necessary to convince the most

SCEPTICAL CRITIC.

Her outer covering more than the beauty and originality of her owners and builders, while she triumphantly vindicates these traits of character so necessary to achieve success in every department of business, she cannot fail to be regarded as a most interesting specimen of the march of mechanical skill, demonstrating to every one, at all capable of appreciating the useful and the beautiful, that Louisville mechanics may proudly challenge a comparison of their handiwork with that of any city in the country, East or West.

Nor is this all, the Katie represents not only the life-rafty of Western steamboat owners, and that their bank accounts are equal to any emergency, but that the people who trade upon Western steamers are highly appreciative of elegance, taste, comfort and luxury—these more so as they contribute to the safety and speed of the steamer. In walking about her, from stem to stern, from kelson to pilot-house, it would be difficult to point out a defect. The attention that has been paid to what some people would call small matters is conspicuous on every hand—beauty, art and order rules supreme. Nothing is overdone; all is well done, and, that this may appear more fully to our readers, we shall devote particular attention in this notice to her various departments. We commence with her

HULL.

This is 292 feet, its extreme length, with 44 feet beam and 9 feet 10 inches hold. It was built by the well-known and justly celebrated builder D. D. Barmore, and fully maintains his well-earned reputation, and is calculated to give him still greater celebrity. Those who are competent to pass judgment, pronounce the model of the hull just right. It is combining safety, speed and beauty, and that it is the model for speed the Katie gave evidence on her trial trip on Wednesday. It is most substantially built—in this respect nothing is wanting; every detail has passed the most scrutinizing inspection, and every bolt and spike is driven home, giving assurances that the Katie will re pond, so far as strength is concerned, to the highest demands that any trip may be made upon her carrying capacity. In every particular her hull compares favorably with the best that has been produced by Louisville boat-builders, and those who have inspected it pronounce it A No. 1.

Such a steamer as the Katie demands appropriate application at its various departments, and nowhere has this deliberation sought for more assiduously than in all that pertains to the

MACHINERY.

It will not do to have perfection everywhere else and defects here. Perfection in the hull, beauty of model, capacity for speed, as well as all other essentials, are thrown away if the machinery is defective. All of the external adornments are but so many fatal allurements if proper attention has not been paid to the machinery department. In this regard, however, the Katie invites the closest inspection. Her machinery was built at the well-known Washington Foundry, and under the inspection of John H. Davis, Esq., its proprietor, who designed it. No engine-builder in the West has a more firmly-established reputation, and none turns out work better calculated to maintain the reputation of Louisville mechanics. The machinery of the Katie consists of two main engines, one doctor or supply engine, one donkey or fire-engine, and two cesspan engines. They are all beautiful specimens of mechanical skill, and have attracted the attention and elicited the praise of hundreds who have visited the Katie for the purpose of inspecting her working-gear. The main cylinders have ten feet stroke, thirty-eight inches bore, and are estimated at 3,848 horse power. The shafts and cranks have journals eleven inches in diameter, and weigh 38,600 pounds. The power to drive these various engines is to be generated in boilers built by

JACK FRARCE,

as well known practically as any boiler builder west of the Alleghenies. The work turned out at his establishment never fails to give satisfaction, and this fact is fully appreciated by a number of boilers. The

BOILERS

of the Katie, nine in number, are each 32 feet long, 40 inches in diameter and double flued, and are made of the best Tennessee charcoal blown iron; they are guaranteed by the workmanship, and may be trusted to the fullest extent that the best material and the best workmanship will bear.

The doctor boiler, 12 feet long and 36 inches in diameter, has 36-inch steam drums, very large for a boiler of its size